

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, N. Y.

May 6, 1946

Minutes of Special Meeting

A special meeting was held at the request of the membership on May 6th at the Quaker City Elks Home, 1935 Christian Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The following were present:

Newark Eagles, Abraham and Effa Manley
Homestead Grays, Rufus Jackson and S. H. Poesy
Philadelphia Stars, Edward Gottlieb, Edward Bolden
Baltimore Elite Giants, Vernon Green and Thomas T. Wilson
New York Cubans, Alex Pompey
New York Black Yankees, James Semler, W. A. Leuschner and
Curtis A. Leak.

Thomas T. Wilson was the presiding officer and the minutes of the previous meeting were waived as the meeting got under way at 2:55 P. M.

UMPIRES

A discussion took place on the league's umpires; because a league official was not in charge of a game between the Phila Stars and the Newark Eagles on Sunday May 5th in Newark, where an umpire was struck by a player of the Stars. John Craig was brought in to explain why he was not the umpire in chief.

He explained that due to his three years of absence he wanted to get the feel of things before going behind the plat and admitted that he had had specific instructions to be the umpire in chief at all League games when there was no other league officials available or those whom the League had sanctioned, namely, Phil Cockrell and Mark Challenor. He regretted the incident and assumed full responsibility therefor.

Striking an Umpire

In a motioned put forward by Rufus Jackson, seconded by Edward Bolden and unanimously carried, that any player hitting or touching

an umpire will be fined \$100 and suspended for ten days without pay.

Extra Umpire

It was decided to use Phil Cockrell as a part time umpire of the league; paying him \$20.00 on a Sunday and \$10.00 on week days to be a base umpire. He is to be used as much as possible and his transportation expenses are to be taken care of by the league and he is to receive for exhibition games what the local umpire would get. The latter fee is also to be paid to the regular League umpires for exhibition games.

Fining of Players

If a player is put out of a game he is automatically fined \$10.00; the second offense \$25.00 and \$50.00 for all subsequent offenses.

Fines Levied

Player Cash of the Phila Stars was fined \$25.00 and suspended for three league games for striking an umpire in Newark on May 5th, 1946. Homer Curry was fined \$10.00 for being put out of a game.

RETURNING PLAYERS

Special permission was granted to Marvin Williams of the Phila Stars, Roy Wellmaker of the homestead Grays; and Heridio of the New York Cubans to return to their respective teams by June 15th, 1946; as they were experienceing difficulty in obtaining transportation back to the United States from Central America.

MEXICO

The following players are banned for five years for jumping to Mexico: William Wright, Thomas Glover, Hunter, Edward Stone, Raymond Dandridge, John Taylor, Maritán Dihigo, Ray Brown, and Terris McDuffy. The secretary was requested to notify the president of the American League of this action and to request a similar list from them.

Committee Reports

The constitution committee was not ready to report and will do so at the next meeting.

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CANENA MARQUEZ

By a unanimous vote Canena Marquez was awarded to the Homestead Grays from the Baltimore Elite Ginats. The vote was 4-0 and the two teams involved had no voice and were requested to leave the room while the case was settled.

Martin J. Crue

A claim by James Semler for Martin J. Crue from Alex Pompey was denied because it could not be substantiated.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P. M.

Curtis A. Leak, Secretary